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FORESTRY ENGINEER WANTS  
ARBITRATION INFORMATION

The proposition to arbitrate the claim of Webster Bros. and Kerby, against the County of Greenlee, in the sum of \$41,000, alleged to be due them on Section 2 of the Clifton-Springerville road, is being held in abeyance pending the acceptance by Engineer Long of the Forestry Department, to act as one of the arbitrators, and in the event, he is unable to serve in person, to designate an engineer from the Forestry department as a member of the proposed arbitration board.

Acting upon the instructions of the Board of Supervisors, A. L. Terry, clerk of the Board, communicated the fact to Mr. Long that he had been chosen, by mutual consent, as a member of the arbitration board, and requested a reply. Engineer Long responded by asking for additional information on the subject, and stated that upon the receipt of same, he would take the matter up with the District Forester.

Until a definite reply has been received from the Forestry department the arbitration agreement, is being held in abeyance.

A communication has been received from State Engineer Maddock according to the request that the state engineer name one of the arbitrators from his department.

In the meantime the contractors are proceeding with the construction work at a rapid pace and the road camp is now located at the Laney ranch. The funds remaining in the Clifton-Springerville road fund are being depleted by the monthly payment and it has been apparent for some time that additional funds must be provided, either by an additional special levy this year, or by a bond issue, to enable the county to fulfill its contract with the Department of Agriculture.

Some opposition has been expressed against any special tax levy this year, for county purposes, to be used on road construction. The argument is made that a large number of taxpayers have been unable to pay the tax bill for 1920 and are now being carried on the delinquent tax rolls. The fact is also cited that the taxpayers of Greenlee county will be called on this year to pay into the state treasury approximately \$40,000 more, by a special state levy under the Omnibus Road Bill. As one prominent taxpayer expressed it this week: "If additional funds are necessary to complete the Clifton-Springerville highway, and to build the Mule Creek link in a national highway, the most business like way and the most economical way, as far as the present day taxpayers are concerned, is to provide the necessary funds by a bond issue, in the same manner as the original fund for the construction of the co-operative project was provided."

In reply to a request from the Board

to State Engineer Maddock that he attend a conference of interested parties in Clifton on or about July 2nd, as proposed by a committee from the Clifton Commercial club, the State Engineer replied, that in his opinion such a conference was premature, owing to the unsettled condition of affairs at present surrounding the road situation in the county, but concluded the communication with the statement that he or one of his representatives would attend if possible.

**Duncanite Speaks: Out in Meeting**  
The following communication was received this week by the Copper Era criticizing the present survey being made by a surveying corps from the State Highway department. The communication is from an old timer in this section and we pass it along to our readers for what it is worth. In view of the fact that the engineering party has not yet completed its work, and in the further view of the fact that it was announced at the beginning of the work, that two or three different lines would be run before a definite location was decided upon, the following criticism may be more or less premature:

**To the Voters and Taxpayers of Greenlee County:**  
Regarding the scenic highway, as they call it, coming through from the Rio Grande by way of Silver City and Mule Creek, the route that Mr. Maddock is at present spending part of his time and part of the county's and state's money in surveying, is beyond doubt the most expensive route that could possibly be picked out. I have ridden after cattle in that section of the country for the past thirty years and I know every inch of the country where he has been doing his surveying, and even after the road is completed, costing seventy-five to one hundred thousand dollars more than necessary, the expense of keeping the road up would be much greater in comparison with a more feasible route, which I desire to point out. The citizens of Greenlee county have a portion of this to pay and I certainly think they ought to have something to say about how and where it is to be spent. By following the Duncan road as far as York and going out on the old Twin Peaks road to the foot of the mountain, and up by Millwright Flat, you can get to Mule Creek within five miles of the distance that you would have to go the other way, and would cost at the least calculation, seventy-five thousand dollars less money, and that is what we are looking for. I think we should try to cut our taxes a little rather than raise under existing circumstances. I would like to hear the voice of the people in regards to this. Don't be afraid to speak. You can't hurt a man for telling the actual facts about a thing. Signed,  
G. E. HEAD, Duncan, Arizona.

## COUNT SFORZA



The most recent photograph of Count Sforza, Italy's minister of foreign affairs.

SHERIFF BRADBERRY  
ARRESTS MEXICAN  
STEALING CATTLE

Acting promptly on circumstantial evidence Sheriff John Bradberry and deputies made raid on a Mexican house beyond the baseball park on the Frisco this morning and as a result of their discovery on the premises, placed Epitacio Torres, Luis Garcia, Sr. and Luis Garcia, Jr., under arrest on a charge of cattle stealing. In a cache near the house was found seven cattle hides and a portion of a freshly killed beef, which bore the brand and ear marks as belonging to George Webster. The brands on the other hides had been obliterated.

The three men were taken into custody and landed in the county jail to await a preliminary hearing. Later it is understood Luis Garcia Jr. made an admission to the sheriff exonerating Epitacio Torres, his son-in-law and he was released. Garcia and son are still being held in jail.

It is understood that Garcia admitted that the beef belonging to George Webster had been killed on Thursday evening. The animal was a yearling which had been cut off from its mother and driven to the residence of Garcia where it was butchered. The strange actions of the mother cow in that vicinity on the following morning led to an investigation by the officers.

Garcia has been conducting a small store on Chase Creek and his son-in-law Torres, is an employee of the Zorilla market.

LON BAILEY PLEADS  
GUILTY TO POST  
OFFICE THEFT

PHOENIX, Ariz., June 22.—Lon R. Bailey, former postmaster at Bisbee, Arizona, who pleaded guilty in federal district court today to having appropriated \$40,000 of the government's money to his own use, was sentenced to six years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., by Judge William H. Sawtelle.

Matt Keaton, self-confessed accomplice in the robbery of the post office at Bisbee by which Bailey secured the \$40,000, pleaded guilty to a charge of having been implicated in the robbery and was sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

Through Keaton the government has recovered \$18,000 of the money stolen. Mrs. Hattie Lake, to whom Keaton said he delivered part of the stolen money, is in jail at Tucson. Judge Sawtelle today fixed her bond at \$50,000.

Bailey and Keaton confessed to having staged a fake robbery of the postoffice on April 3.

After he had pleaded guilty, Bailey made a statement to the court in which he said that he had been drunk for some time before the robbery and was drunk on the night of April 3. He claimed that because of this he did not realize what he was doing when he staged the alleged robbery.

Mrs. W. R. Hutchins and son, Newton, were outgoing passengers the first of the week for a summer vacation in California.

Buena Vista by Karl M. Shade...  
L. C. — by S. G. Murillo  
Catlin, by S. G. Murillo  
Prince, by S. G. Murillo  
Duke, by S. G. Murillo  
Cobb, by S. G. Murillo.

Two Clifton Banks Consolidate;  
Now Under One ManagementSILVER CITY WILL  
DEDICATE BLACK  
RANGE HIGHWAY

A number of Cliftonites are planning on motoring over to Silver City Sunday, July 3 and join the Silver City good roads boosters in the dedication of the Black Range National Highway through that state on July 4th.

The dedication exercises will take the form of a basket picnic to be held in Barends Valley, fifty-eight miles east of Silver City and is to be an interstate event attended by dignitaries from Arizona and New Mexico.

Definite assurance that State Highway Engineer Thomas F. Maddock, of Arizona, will represent Governor Campbell has been received. Col. Dell M. Potter, president of the Southern National Highway association, has accepted an invitation to speak. Governor M. C. McMechem of New Mexico, and G. A. Martin, managing editor of the El Paso Herald, and president of the El Paso Auto club, speakers who accepted invitations some time ago will reach Hillsboro on the night of July 3rd, when they will be entertained by a dinner given by Hillsboro's business men.

The speaking program will start at 10 o'clock on the morning of the Fourth. Those who attend should leave Silver City about 6 o'clock in the morning to make the drive comfortably and avoid confusion. It is ordinarily about a 3-hour drive. The scene is 58 miles from Silver City, and the road will be well signed. The start back will be made by the procession at 1 o'clock. The crowd should reach Silver City by 6 o'clock, allowing time for viewing the scenery, and for delays occasioned by heavy travel.

Arrangements for the street dance in Silver City on the night of the Fourth are being concluded by the special committee, composed of Clarence Bayne, Eddie Ward and Nelson Saunders. A special dance is to be held at Hillsboro on the night of the Fourth, so the program will conclude with dancing at each end of the new highway. Other special committees named in a Wednesday by the Grand County Chamber of Commerce in connection with the celebration, include a finance committee and a reception committee. The finance committee is composed of H. E. Bassett, Clarence A. Bennett, Leo Schiff and R. D. Haven. This committee has already made collections for the picnic fund. The reception committee is composed of Percy Wilson, Don W. Lusk and W. A. Welsh.

Large posters advertising the Fourth of July celebration in dedication of the new Black Range highway are being mailed out from Silver City this week to chambers of commerce, garages and newspapers in many towns in New Mexico, Arizona, California and other states. The posters carry a map of the highway between Silver City and Hillsboro, and the point at which the celebration is to be held have been plainly indicated thereon.

The wide distribution of the posters to draw attention of tourists to it, so the picnic in great numbers from distant points, but such distribution will serve to advertise the new road, and to draw attention of tourists to it, so that they will be familiar with it later. Large crowds are promised from nearer points, however, including Albuquerque, Socorro and other New Mexico towns, and Clifton, Phoenix, Globe and other cities in Arizona.

ARIZONA SENATOR ASKS FOR  
LOWER RATE ON LEASED LAND

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Senator Ralph H. Cameron, republican senator from Arizona, lead a delegation of northern Arizona cattlemen to call upon Commissioner of Indian Affairs Burke yesterday, in an effort to effect a change in administrative practices, applying to leased Indian lands in Arizona on the Fort Apache and San Carlos reservations.

Cattlemen in northern Arizona running cattle on the Fort Apache and San Carlos reservations are paying \$2.40 a head per year for the privilege, which is let by the system of public bids. They ask a reduction of this rate to \$1.20 per head this year; also that the present system allowing the leases to go to the highest bidder be discontinued.

**GENERAL MANAGER LEAVES FOR EAST**  
Norman Carmichael, general manager of The Arizona Copper Co. Ltd., left Monday morning last, in response to a telegram from the east calling him to New York City on company business. In the absence of J. G. Cooper, Cashier and Purchasing agent who is on his summer vacation at the Grand Canyon, Mr. Andrew Liddell, of the General Office staff, is acting General Manager.

## JUDGE FLORENCE E. ALLEN



Cleveland's first woman judge, Florence E. Allen, who is now sitting in the eleventh judicial district court of common pleas, County of Cuyahoga, O. She is said to be but 36 years old, and was not a "woman's candidate."

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SELECT TEACHERS  
FOR NEXT YEAR

Prof. W. D. Baker will again be in charge of the public schools of Clifton next year, together with A. I. Fleming, a Principal of the High School.

This program was decided upon at a meeting of the Board of Trustees at which time also a number of teachers, who will comprise a part of the teaching corps next year, were awarded contracts.

Owing to the unsettled conditions, from an industrial standpoint, the employment of a complete force of teachers for next year has been postponed until the fall, when it will be known just how many teachers will be required.

The following teachers have already signed contracts for next year:

A. I. Fleming — Principal High School.  
Louise Dawson — Instructor in Physics, Chemistry and General Science (2 sections).

Mildred Kelly-Smith-Hughes — Instructor in Home Economics.

Wm. Holmblad — Principal South Clifton Elementary School.

Ettie Young — Principal North Clifton School.

Anna Priest — Principal Shannon Hill School.

Elementary teachers — Carrie Young, Sophia Tansig, Isabelle Buland, Mrs. Mabel Spann, Mrs. Sarah Carleton, Anna Pinkerton, Urma Overman, Emma Risdon.

The following teachers have expressed a willingness to return to Clifton, but their formal acceptance have not yet been received:

Jessie Moss, Mary Marrow, Eva Legate, Mary Lisle, principal Chase Creek School. Announcement is made that the salary of teachers for the next fiscal year will remain the same as last year with one or two exceptions.

For the ensuing year the Board has decided to combine the position of boss janitor with that of truant officer, and Mr. Murphy, janitor for several years past, has been elected to this position. By this combined position, together with the employment of common labor for janitor work, the Board of Trustees expects to save at least three thousand dollars to the district.

In opposition to the position taken by the Board of Trustees a petition has been in circulation this week asking the Board to rescind their action and to engage married men, with families to support, for the janitor positions next year.

CORPORATION COMMISSION TO  
HOLD HEARING AT METCALF

In a communication to The Copper Era received this week from the office of the Arizona Corporation Commission, announcement is made that The Arizona Copper Company Ltd. has made application for permission to discontinue its electric light and water service at Metcalf, Arizona.

The corporation commission has issued a Notice of Hearing fixing Saturday, July 2nd at 10 o'clock a.m., as the time and Metcalf as the place when the above application will be heard. At that time a member of the corporation commission will be in Metcalf to hear the evidence submitted by the company in support of its application for permission to discontinue furnishing electric light and water service and at the same time any citizen will be heard in opposition thereto.

An important business transaction was consummated on Saturday afternoon last when the official announcement was made by The Peoples Bank & Trust Co., through Minor O. Simms, Vice President, and The First National Bank, by Sam Abraham, President, of the consolidation of these two banking institutions, effective June 18th.

Rumors of a contemplated consolidation of the two banks had been persistent for several days and it is understood that negotiations were brought to a successful conclusion through the joint efforts of J. W. Hopson, vice president of the First National and E. H. Green, cashier of the Peoples Bank.

The consolidation was effected on a fifty-fifty basis, the capital stock of the two banks being merged, under the name of the First National Bank, of Clifton, Arizona, with a capital stock now of \$100,000.00 and combined resources totaling \$955,000.00. The new Board of Directors consists of nine members, four being chosen from the old First National directorate and four from the directorate of The Peoples Bank, the ninth being chosen by the eight as follows: Sam Abraham, J. A. MacLeay, C. G. Billingsley, J. W. Hopson, E. H. Green, M. O. Simms, Antonio Spezia, John R. Ward and P. Riley.

From the directors the following officers were chosen to manage the affairs of the new consolidated bank: Sam Abraham, President; J. A. MacLeay, Vice President; J. W. Hopson, Vice President; E. H. Green, Vice President; W. E. Munroe, Cashier; C. A. Spezia, Assistant Cashier. It is understood that the active business management of the bank will be in the hands of Mr. E. H. Green and Mr. J. W. Hopson.

The First National Bank was chartered on May 12, 1901 and its charter was recently renewed for an additional twenty years and is the only National Bank within the county. The Peoples Bank was organized on March 6th, 1918, and during the past three years has been under the guidance and management of Mr. E. H. Green during which time annual dividends have been regularly paid. The Peoples Bank & Trust Co., although its present capital and business has been merged with that of the First National, has not surrendered its charter and the Era learns on reliable authority that the Peoples Bank building on Chase Creek Street will again be occupied by a savings and trust banking department, which will be a branch of the First National.

The First National Bank with its new directorate and officers, increased capital and resources, will be in a stronger position than ever before to serve its patrons and to extend to them every courtesy consistent with sound banking. Among its directors and officers are to be found some of our most substantial and progressive citizens.

ONE CHARGE AGAINST  
CLARK IS DISMISSED

Phoenix June 17.—One of the five charges against Ben R. Clark, former deputy land commissioner, was dismissed by Justice of the Peace Nat T. McKee today and preliminary hearing on the other four were continued until July 7, by agreement of both defense and prosecution.

The charge against Clark that was dismissed alleged that he had unlawfully withheld records belonging to the office of state deputy land commissioner from his successor in the state office. It was on this charge, that Clark had been before Justice McKee for a preliminary hearing since Tuesday morning.

## Holds Evidence Insufficient

Two of the remaining complaints against Clark charges him with having failed to turn over to his successor certain funds belonging to the land department and the other two charge him with misappropriation of public funds. Justice McKee sustained a motion of the defense to dismiss the first complaint on the ground that no evidence had been offered to show that a crime had been committed. Justice McKee also said that the state had failed to show that Clark had any motive for withholding the records.

In dismissing the case, Judge McKee declared that he would not accept the testimony of C. C. Kelis, cashier of the state land department concerning the "change account" conducted by the land department in a local bank, as expert testimony. It was in connection with this account that Clark was alleged to have withheld the records. Judge McKee said Kelis testified that the account balanced to within 10 cents in part of his testimony and at another point declared there was a shortage of \$88.40 in the account.

Both the state and defense announced their intentions of having the books of the "change account" audited by an expert accountant.

Mrs. L. A. W. Burtch and party who has been touring northern Arizona in her car, is expected to return home the latter part of this week.

## Grist Gathered at Court House

The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Company, a corporation, has this week filed an action against John Gleeson and his wife, Elizabeth B. Gleeson, and James V. Parks, plaintiff alleging in its complaint that there is due and owing it the sum of \$22,750.00 on a promissory note which is secured by a chattel mortgage on 650 head of cattle ranging in Greenlee and Graham counties. The note was originally executed in favor of James V. Parks and later was assigned by him to the Gila Valley Bank and Trust Company. Plaintiff prays for the foreclosure of the chattel mortgage.

Luda E. Monteith has filed an action against her husband J. E. Monteith for a decree of divorce on the ground of incompatibility of temper. Plaintiff and defendant intermarried at Robert Lee, Texas, on the 16th day of June, 1908. Plaintiff asks for the sum of \$75.00 per month for the support and maintenance of said two minor children the issue of her marriage, and for attorney's fee and costs.

Ethel R. Zernemo has filed her petition for a decree of divorce from her husband Antonio Zernemo, the plaintiff alleging in her petition that she and defendant intermarried at Morenci, on the 25th day of March, 1918, and ever since have been and now are husband and wife; that for more than one year immediately last past the defendant has wilfully and without cause deserted and abandoned the plaintiff and continues so to desert and abandon and live separate and apart from her against her will and without her consent. Plaintiff also prays to have her maiden name restored, that of Ethel Rogers.

Miss Aileen M. Scott of Metcalf, made application for a passport to Mexico before the Clerk of the Superior Court this week. Miss Scott intends visiting friends at Parral, Mexico, in the near future.

The following parties secured marriage licenses from the Clerk of the Superior Court the past week: Peter W. Quinn to wed Nettie C. Boyle, both parties being from Morenci; Jose Salaz to wed Ramona Benaudez, both parties being from Yuma; Felimon Cedillos to wed Francisca

Torrez, both parties being from Morenci.

## RECORDED INSTRUMENTS

**Satisfaction of Mortgages—**

W. R. Coper to B. J. Bazarano.

W. T. Witt to J. P. Oberholser, et. ux.

State Bank of Morenci to Enrique C. Davila.

State Bank of Morenci to Simon Salazar.

State Bank of Morenci to F. C. Martin, et. ux.

The Bank of Duncan to Maggie Cauthen, et. al.

State Bank of Metcalf to James J. Jones, et. ux.

Lucretia A. Walker to George Richard Smith.

Antonio Spezia, et. al. to Lucretia A. Schindler, et. al.

S. S. Marshall to W. A. Lines & Co.

**Chattel Mortgages**

H. P. Wilkins to Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.

Simon Salazar to State Bank of Morenci.

Emily Martin et. al. to State Bank of Morenci.

Tom Edwards et. al. to The Bank of Duncan.

T. M. Vaughn to The Arizona Copper Company.

James J. Jones et. ux. to State Bank of Metcalf.

Frank Davis, to First National Bank.

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Interstate Milling and Exchange Company to The Bank of Duncan.

W. F. Wackerbarth to State Bank of Morenci.

Julian Barquin to State Bank of Morenci.

**Mining Deeds.**

Paul Backer et. ux. to Lola Claus.

**Warranty Deeds.**

Virgil E. Burtcher et. ux. to Chas. Conover.

Orson J. Richins et. ux. to Ray L. Richardson.

Paul Becker et. ux. to Lola Claus.

George Richard Smith to L. A. Dunn.

**Bill of Sale**

W. A. Lines & Company to D. V. Beal.

**Location Notices**

George Franklin by Amos Cook, et. al.

Edna by Amos Cook, et. al.

Martha No. 2, by Amos Cook et. al.

Karl Albert, by Amos Cook et. al.

**Proof of Labor.**